

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED
RULE TO THE RULES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE:
590-8-1-.02 VERIFICATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Election Board proposes a new rule to the Rules of the Secretary of State, Rule 590-8-1-.02 Verification of Voter Registration Information.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule and a synopsis of the proposed rule, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list for the approved application. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of Secretary of State, Elections Division, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE, Suite 1104, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Copies may be requested by calling the Division at 404-656-2871 or may be found at the Secretary of State's website (www.sos.ga.gov).

Where: A public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2009, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE, East Tower, Room 1252, Atlanta, Georgia 30334 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule.

At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for official record. Oral statements should be

concise and will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be received in the office of the Secretary of State no later than close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, December 4, 2009. Written comments should be addressed to Wesley Tailor, Division Director, Secretary of State, Elections Division, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. SE, Suite 1104 Atlanta, GA 30334; telephone: 404-656-2871 or facsimile: 404-651-9531.

The Secretary of State will consider the proposed rule for adoption at a meeting scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2009, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE, East Tower, Room 1252, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This 3rd day of November, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Karen C. Handel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and last name "Handel" clearly distinguishable.

Karen C. Handel, Georgia Secretary of State

Posted: November 3, 2009

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE TO THE RULES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

590-8-1-.02 VERIFICATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PURPOSE: The purpose of the proposed rule is to provide for the verification of voter registration information, including United States citizenship consistent with State and federal law.

MAIN FEATURES: The main features of the proposed rule are to identify how the Secretary of State will coordinate the transmission and retrieval of information from other State and federal agencies.

PROPOSED RULE TO THE RULES OF THE STATE ELECTION BOARD:

590-8-1-.02 Verification of Voter Registration Information

(1) The board of registrars shall enter the information contained on voter registration applications into the statewide voter registration database in a timely manner.

(2) Verification of applicant's United States citizenship.

(a) Georgia driver's license number or identification card number.

1. If an applicant submits an application for registration and uses the applicant's Georgia driver's license number or identification card number for evidence of United States citizenship purposes, the Secretary of State shall attempt to match such number to the Department of Driver Services database.

2. If the Department of Driver Services records indicate that the applicant is not a United States citizen in the Department of Driver Services database, the Secretary of State shall attempt to verify the applicant's United States citizenship status with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services utilizing the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements program. Such verification will indicate whether the applicant is designated as a citizen of the United States within the Verification Information System database.

3. If the Department of Driver Services cannot confirm that the applicant has provided satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship to the Department of Driver Services and the Secretary of State cannot confirm the applicant's United States citizenship through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements program, the board of registrars shall take the following steps:

(i) The board of registrars shall ensure that the Georgia driver's license number or identification card number was entered correctly into the statewide voter registration system. If the board of

registrars determines the number was not entered correctly, the board of registrars shall correct the driver's license number or identification card number in the statewide voter registration system. The Secretary of State shall match the new driver's license number or identification card number to the Department of Driver Services database.

(b) Alien registration number.

1. If only the alien registration number from an applicant's naturalization documents is provided for United States citizenship purposes, the Secretary of State shall attempt to verify the applicant's alien registration number with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services utilizing the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements program.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § 21-2-226.